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A STRANGE STORY.

A Scheme in London to Create a Panic in Stocks Election Night.

INVOLVED THE CONTROL OF CABLES.

The Cables Were to Report the Election of Bryan to Cause a Tumult on the Stock Market.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 5.—A story of an elaborate scheme on the part of a syndicate of London speculators to control all the European cable offices on the night of the United States presidential election is printed here on authority of pronounced high authority. The plan is said to be to secure the issuance of a report from European cable offices to the effect that Bryan was elected, which it was believed would send the stock market rapidly tumbling. The speculators thought then to buy everything in sight, realize fabulous amounts after the public received the correct news and the reaction set in. They believed that \$5,000,000 could be made if the scheme worked. Fifty thousand dollars were subscribed when the enterprise was abandoned. The work began three weeks before election. It was believed that if begun a week earlier would have succeeded. Those concerned in the project would have stopped at almost nothing to execute their designs.

SPANIARDS.

to Hidden Mines Follow.
Rev. A. J. Dione, Havana, expelled on account of alleged surrogates, has arrived here. He says while he met several things that state a story by Marco Weyler's troops. At date but it was the mine was and Cayennebregents then unentitled and retreated on the Spaniards. The mine was filled with smoke and horses were killed. Dione's Spanish soldiers

Germany's Views on Cleveland's Orders.
Berlin, Dec. 5.—The Cologne Gazette says that Cleveland's order, withdrawing exemption from tonnage dues from German vessels. "President Cleveland has taken this decision in order to secure himself a brilliant send off on retirement. But the decision is illegal. The president's assertion that tonnage dues are levied at German ports is incorrect. The dues imposed are for use of special port accommodation. It is hoped the German government will succeed in convincing Washington that Germany cannot accept such infringement of her rights."

The North German Gazette declares that Cleveland's position is disputed by the German government which has lodged a protest.

Victors at Canton.
Canton, Ohio, Dec. 5.—Congressmen Hopkins and Foss, of Illinois, called on McKinley today on their way to Washington. The president-elect was engaged most of the time today with Charles G. Dawes, Chicago, who remained as a guest of the family during the night. Dawes left for Washington this afternoon.

Future.
Waco, Tex., Dec. 5.—W. E. Dupree, dealer in hardware and agricultural implements, has filed a deed trust. Liabilities \$20,000, assets much larger.

A Guide on British Coasts.
Lond., Dec. 5.—A severe gale prevailed all night over the British coast causing numerous casualties and much damage.

Col. Fellows Dying.
New York, Dec. 5.—Colonel John R. Fellows, the well known politician, lies at the point of death in this city of gas-tritis.

The Ice George.
Chippewa Falls, Wis., Dec. 5.—Water reached thirty-seven inches yesterday, and the ice was fast last night, stationary today.

Bank Statement.
New York, Dec. 5.—Bank statement: Reserve in cash, \$1,083,000. Banks hold \$3,451,000.

SAD WEDDING SCENE.

Aged Woman Dressed in White Congratulating the Bride.

Brazil, Ind., Dec. 5.—After the marriage ceremony of Mark Patterson and Miss Martha Ferno had been pronounced the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Sophia Ferno, who was standing near by, grasped her by the hand and wished her much joy. Then, turning to leave the room, she fell dead at her granddaughter's feet.

DR. BARNES PARALYZED.

She Had Become Famous as a Woman Doctor in Central Illinois.

Arcadia, Ill., Dec. 5.—Dr. Barnes, of Hindsboro, this county, suffered a paralytic stroke and is not expected to live. Mrs. Barnes is famous as a doctor, being one of the first women in the country to enter the profession. She has been practicing in central Illinois for thirty years.

A Governor Called Down.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 5.—John Dugan, a passenger conductor on the Louisville division of the Illinois Central railroad, has been reinstated. Governor Bradley was the cause of his removal. During the campaign Governor Bradley scumpled the state. One afternoon he boarded a train at Central City. Dugan did not know Governor Bradley, and even if he did the rules of the company prohibited a passenger from putting his feet on the cushions of the opposite seat. This Governor Bradley did, and without disclosing his identity, refused to obey Dugan, who on his next trip through the car forcibly lifted Governor Bradley's feet down and left a brakeman to watch him. Dugan was reported and was dismissed. The company and Governor Bradley have since realized that he was discharging his duty, and among the many petitioners for Dugan's reinstatement was Governor Bradley.

Poison in the Bread.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 5.—One hundred families residing in the northwestern part of the city are ill as the result of having eaten bread which had been poisoned. The condition of most of the families is not dangerous, but some of the patients are in a precarious condition. The health department was notified of the affair yesterday, and at once made an effort to secure samples of the food on which suspicion had fallen. This chance to be rye bread from a certain bakery. Dr. Bennett, the chemist employed by the department, is at present engaged in making an analysis of the samples of bread. All the afflicted families procured their bread from the same baker and ate it on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

It was stated that some one had played a trick on the baker, in order to avenge themselves for some fancied wrong, or with no other object than to injure his trade.

Editorial Horsewhips Her Male Rival.

Attalla, Ala., Dec. 5.—Miss Emma Monroe, aged 15, editor of the Attalla Herald, on the public streets of this city yesterday afternoon. Cather ran up a flight of stairs and got out of the way. The Beacon contained an article the other day stating that juvenile criminals should be sent to a reformatory. Cather replied in the Herald, stating that some grown people should be in the reformatory also, hinting that Miss Monroe's father, who, while treasurer of De Kalb county, was accused of embezzlement should be a convict.

Because He is a Poker Player.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec. 5.—Hon. Prestley W. Morris, of the Ritchie Gazette, opposes Col. George M. Bowers, of Berkeley county, a candidate for the collectorship of internal revenue, because he is charged with knowing how to play poker. Mr. Morris says: "Too many Republicans look with righteous indignation upon the terrible sin to countenance it in a public office."

Eloped from Cairo, Ill.

Cairo, Ill., Dec. 5.—B. L. Stewart, of Danville, Ill., and Miss Alesha Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jones, of this city, eloped last night to Anna, Ill., and were married. Miss Jones' parents objected to the match on account of the disparity in their ages. Stewart is state organizer for the order of Red Men.

Fear the Loss of a Schooner.

Coburg, Ont., Dec. 5.—The schooner Pluton, coal laden from Oswego, for this port, has been out since Wednesday. It is feared that she foundered with all on board in Wednesday's gale. She carried a crew of seventy.

The Terror is Dead.

Newkirk, Okla., Dec. 5.—Dynamite Dick, the notorious outlaw, was shot and killed in a fight with deputy sheriffs west of this city yesterday. Ben Cravens, a member of Dick's band, was badly wounded and captured.

New Mexico Popocratic.

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 5.—The official canvass of the recent election shows Ferguson, Democrat, chosen congressional delegate, by a plurality of 1930.

IT IS SETTLED.

McKinley Will Convene the New Congress in Extraordinary Session.

WILL CONVENE ABOUT MARCH 15.

Nothing Will Probably be Done at the Short Session and Relief Must Come from the New Congress.

Washington, Dec. 5.—There is practically no longer any doubt of the intention of McKinley to convene the fifty-fifth congress in extra session early next spring. There are several arrivals of friends, confidants of the president-elect direct from Canton, who bring very positive announcements that there will be a call for a special session to convene a few days after the fourth of March has been decided on. This decision has been reached after a conference with Dingley, the chairman of the house committee on ways and means. Dingley has been entrusted with the privilege of making this decision known at the proper time. Thurston, of Nebraska, practically admits the truth of this, and says the call will be for about March 15. He declares this course will be pursued, regardless of the results of the senatorial elections this winter.

YOUNG MURDER TRIAL.

Prosecution Rests and Three Witnesses are Examined for the Defense.

Hillsboro, Ill., Dec. 5.—After examining eight more witnesses, the prosecution in the Young murder case yesterday closed its testimony in chief. Three witnesses were examined for the defendant.

For the prosecution Mrs. M. A. Lewey and Daniel Hall testified that they heard two shots from the direction of Young's house just before the fire. Inez Young, the daughter of the defendant, said her father awakened her and said that the house had been struck by lightning, or a lamp had exploded. He got the children out of the house, but did not go back or try to save Mrs. Young after she (the daughter) was with him. Coroner M. L. Meyer, Dr. W. A. Allen and Dr. George A. Clotfelter all testified that the holes found in the body of Mrs. Young were gunshot wounds. Attorney Charles P. Johnson cross examined the doctors and made a strong effort to break down this testimony. A portion of the body, showing the bullet holes through the ribs, was shown to the jury. The doctors testified that in their opinion Mrs. Young's death was caused by gunshot wounds before burning efforts were made to show that Young sustained improper relations with various women, but the evidence was not strong enough to create more than a suspicion as to this.

For the defense, George W. Wilson and Rev. C. L. York testified that in their opinion Mrs. Young was jealously insane, and that Robert Young's reputation for peace was good. The former testified that he heard several shots the evening of the fire, though they might have been firecrackers. Rev. York testified that it was by prodding with a pitchfork that Mrs. Young's body was found. Shortly after 4 a. m., July 4, he found the bed room door lock in the ashes. The lock bolt was out, showing the door to have been locked.

Kemper to the Soldiers.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—The Hanover Anzeiger says the emperor visited the military school there. Speaking to the officers his majesty alluded to the Brusewitz affair, saying the occurrence affected him most painfully. He expected the officers to always be conscious of the high duties their uniform demanded of them, adding that they should above all bear in mind that the uniforms should not be cause for antagonism.

Another Flood in Washington.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 5.—Three inches of rain has fallen in four days. With rapid melting of six inches to a foot of snow, is causing another flood. The streams are higher than in November. Green river is higher than ever known before. Much farm lands in the valleys is inundated.

Met on the Bear.

Corado, W. Va., Dec. 5.—A match has been made for a fight between Thomas Stevens and a vicious 10-months' old bear. Stevens is to be provided with a hunting knife with a four inch blade. The battle will occur Christmas evening in the opera house at Cynthlettsburg.

Official Vote of Nevada.

Carson, Nev., Dec. 5.—The official canvass of the returns of the late election gives Bryan a plurality of 6493, out of a total vote of 10,315.

Visited Canton Yesterday.

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 5.—Congressman Dingley left at 9.05 o'clock for Washington.

Charles G. Dawes reached here from Cleveland shortly after noon, and took lunch at the McKinley home.

Congressman R. W. Taylor of this district, called with his friend, Mr. Laughlin, a prominent pottery manufacturer, of East Liverpool.

Col. Hieker of Detroit, President Angell of Michigan University, Ann Arbor, Col. H. M. Duffield of Detroit, President Babcock of the Michigan club, of Detroit, Hon. George Spaulding, ex-secretary of state, Hon. A. T. Bliss of Saginaw, and Hon. Samuel Stevenson of Menominee, constituted in part a Michigan party, which arrived on a special train this afternoon. They drove direct to Major McKinley's residence, where a conference was held. The party returned last night. A number of the party said that they were here in an endeavor to advance the chances of General Alger for the war portfolio.

Hon. Charles H. Dodd, of Portland, Ore., state chairman of the Republican central committee in that state, was granted an audience during the day.

Staff and field officers of the Eight regiment, Ohio national guard, which is to escort Major McKinley to Washington, met here yesterday and during the call at the major's home were photographed, with the major in the group. At the meeting it was decided to have the regiment assemble in Canton on the morning of the day on which Major McKinley starts for Washington, and the regiment will go on his train. Troop A, of Cleveland, will also come to Canton and go with the regiment. The soldiers will have special Pullman trains and will live in their cars while in Washington. The return trip will be made on the 6th or 6th of March, the date not having been definitely fixed. The route taken, of course, will be the one by which Major McKinley travels, and the matter of fare was left to the colonel and the regimental quartermaster to arrange. It will, however, be a very low rate.

Clever Diamond Swindler.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 5.—George E. Gail, jeweler and official time inspector of the Illinois Central railroad, was swindled out of \$10,000 worth of diamonds by three Italian strangers, one of whom had formed the acquaintance of Mr. Gail about eight days ago. He went into Mr. Gail's place of business to have a cuff button mended, claimed to be rich, and in a few days had won Mr. Gail's confidence. He said he had a sister in a convent in Rome and that he wished to buy \$10,000 worth of diamonds to present a diamond cross to the pope, in order that he might secure from him permission to remove his sister from the convent.

Mr. Gail was thoroughly convinced of the sincerity of the Italian, and obtained \$10,000 worth of diamonds from Adolph Peabody, a diamond importer of 27-29 Maiden lane, New York City. The Italian brought a friend along with him to make the deal, and they had a bank box to put the jewels in. The jewels and the \$10,000 were placed in the box before Mr. Gail's eyes, and he was asked to keep the box until they returned an hour later, claiming that they had business that would take them out for that length of time.

Mr. Gail took the box in which he had just seen the money and diamonds placed. It had been securely locked in his presence. After two or three hours had elapsed the Italians did not return, and, becoming suspicious, Mr. Gail broke open the box and found instead of the diamonds and money a \$2 bill and a silk handkerchief. Two thousand dollars has been offered as a reward for the capture of the men and the recovery of the precious stones. Mr. Gail being the owner of much valuable real estate, has no fear about securing the amount to make good the loss and an agreement was reached by which Mr. Peabody will receive payment for his property.

Last night detectives arrested two Italians who claimed that they were from New York. The officers learned that they were stopping in a boarding house on St. Charles street, and last night took them to the central station. While in part they answered Mr. Gail's description, he said that neither of the men was his friend.

Hanna in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Chairman Hanna and National Committeeman Payne, of Wisconsin, arrived this morning. Hanna says his business here is to arrange for McKinley's inauguration and settle on the national committee headquarters.

New Gunboats Launched.

Bath, Me., Dec. 5.—The new gun boats Vicksburg and Newport, were launched this afternoon before an immense crowd. The launching was performed successfully.

The Weather.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Rain this afternoon; colder with rain or snow tonight; Sunday, partly cloudy; colder, brisk south, shifting to west winds.

C. B. FARWELL

Suddenly Becomes a Candidate for United States Senator.

ANNOUNCEMENT CAUSES EXCITEMENT

In Political Quarters—The Friends of Madden and Other Candidates Want to Know What It is All About

Chicago, Dec. 5.—The announcement that Hon. C. B. Farwell is a candidate for election to the United States senate has caused great consternation in political circles. He was once in the United States senate but his re-election fell on a time when the legislature was in the hands of Cockrell, Moore and Taubeneck and the Republicans could not elect a man. Now Mr. Farwell, it seems, wants to succeed himself in the line of Republican succession and has told his friends so. This it is thought will materially injure Mr. Madden's chances to consolidate the Cook county contingent upon himself, and should this prove true may force him out of the fight. George E. Adams has also come into the fight and is a pronounced candidate with several of the Cook county members to back him. Mr. Adams says he is a friend of Farwell's but wants the senatorship himself if he can get it.

Died from Asphyxiation.

Boston, Dec. 5.—Escaping gas in two houses in the Roxbury district, caused the death of three persons, by asphyxiation. Four others are likely to die.

Mrs. Sarah Lawrence and daughter, Sophie, and a lodger named Sawyer, are unconscious. George Curran and daughter, Nellie, aged 16, and son Hugh, aged 21, and Edward H. Thomas, a lodger, are all now out of danger except Thomas. The dead are all negroes.

Identified as Black Craig.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 5.—It turns out the outlaw killed yesterday was not Dymally Dick, but Black Craig, one of the most notorious highwaymen in the west who operated for years in the Indian Territory, Arkansas, New Mexico and Colorado. Having robbed hundreds of travelers and held up a dozen of trains and killed as many men.

Mother Shoots Herself and Child.

Nowark, Ohio, Dec. 5.—Mrs. A. F. Gleason, formerly of LaSalle, Ill., shot and instantly killed her infant child this morning, then probably fatally shot herself. She is thought to be insane.

Dingley Fresh from Canton.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Dingley of Maine, arrived from Canton today. He declined to discuss anything relative to his visit to McKinley but said the Cuban issue depended on the information the president might convey to congress.

Insurgent Defeat in Uruguay.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 5.—An official dispatch from Montevideo, Uruguay, says that the insurgents chief was reported to be defeated by the Uruguayan forces and completely routed. He fled with only ten followers. The revolt is ended.

Wholesale Desertion.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 5.—One hundred naval apprentice boys made a dash for liberty this afternoon. Twenty escaped. The trouble is said to be the outgrowth of a denial to the boys' request for furloughs for a Christmas holiday.

Western Union Officials Indicted.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—The grand jury voted indictments against five of the Western Union telegraph officials in this city today on the charge of aiding and abetting the bucket shop keepers.

Death of Mrs. Risley.

Mrs. A. P. Risley, who has been suffering so long with cancer, died last night at 8 o'clock at the family home, southwest of Decatur. She has been a patient sufferer, and has been cared for faithfully throughout her long affliction by her husband and children. The funeral will take place on Sunday.

Death of a Child.

Mary, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Naima, died ofroup at 8.45 p. m., Friday, Dec. 4, at the family residence, No. 1787 North Railroad avenue, aged 22 months. The funeral will be held from the residence at 10 o'clock Sunday morning and the burial will be at the Catholic cemetery.

A short time ago while the Big Four section men were ditching east of Mansfield, they killed 32 snakes, ranging in size from a foot to two and a half feet in length. The dead reptiles were on exhibition in Mansfield.

MAJ. OSGOOD KILLED.

The American Artilleryman in the Insurgent Army Killed in the Siege of Guatimara.

New York, Dec. 5.—A special to the Herald from Guatimara, Camaguey, gives the following details of the death of Major Dana Osgood, the football player, who commanded a Cuban battery during the recent sieges of the town of Guatimara.

"General Garcia ordered Major Osgood to open fire on the Spanish forts. On the second day of the siege, Major Osgood, under heavy fire from the Spaniards, was training one of his pieces on the forts, when a Mauser bullet struck him in the forehead. He uttered the word 'Well,' and bending forward on his cannon, hugged it, and breathed his last in behalf of Cuban liberty."

"The news of his death deeply impressed President Cisneros and the commanding officers, all of whom had great regard for the American officer."

"The Spaniards, who had an abundant supply of ammunition, kept up an incessant fire against the Cuban intrenchments. General Garcia, on Oct. 29, made up his mind to capture the place by assault."

"The Spaniards had abandoned all the forts outside of the town, but had made themselves strong inside. They had taken commanding positions in the stone buildings and massive stone church in the public square. At a signal, Generals Cobreco and Chapote, at the head of their men, charged the town from different quarters. The Spanish garrison then took refuge in the old churches and there strongly barricaded itself. General Garcia ordered that the three guns be brought to bear upon the stone structure, and fire was at once opened on it. One of the shots from a 12-pounder mortally wounded the Spanish officer in command, Major Martinez, and killed some of his men."

"Shortly after a tremendous cry of 'Viva Cuba Libre' came from the Cubans. The Spaniards had signalled their unconditional surrender."

Winchester Dana Osgood, the Pennsylvania student and football player, who went to Cuba and took a commission in the Cuban army, is the son of a United States army officer, who was until recently stationed in St. Louis, Mo. Osgood was so light while in the preparatory school that he could not be a member of the football team, but by the time he entered Cornell, in the fall of 1888, he was a well-developed athlete, and became a star on the team. Though a good student, his passion for athletic exercise interfered with his college work.

His football playing at Cornell was in the days before the development of interference and his individual half-back work, hard running, and clever dodging were the last seen up to that time. He was never in any way injured in a game until the Cornell-Chicago athletic game in 1892, when a collision with "Snake" Ames knocked him out.

He was a fine wrestler and boxer, and had won many medals. His muscular development finally became such as to render him almost muscle bound. He left Cornell in 1893, and entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he played good football. He held the position of half back, and did some phenomenal playing against Harvard and Princeton during the three years he wore the red and blue.

He was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and of a religious turn of mind. Osgood stood about five feet nine inches high and weighed 180 pounds.

Mysterious Fire.

One section of the awning on the Water street side of Etna & Scruggs' big store caught fire this afternoon in some mysterious manner and a long streak was burned in the canvas. The awning was rolled up at the time of the fire. How the awning took fire is a mystery which may never be explained. There were no wire connections and it does appear that a lighted cigar stump could have been dropped on the awning from above. All of the upper windows were closed. The fire extinguishers at the store were brought into play to put out the fire. Quite a crowd gathered at the corner.

The Episcopal Synod.

The annual synod of the diocese of Springfield of the Protestant Episcopal church will be held at Springfield next week. Rev. Frank N. Atkin, Lowbur Burrows and W. J. Quigley will represent St. John's Episcopal church of this city and Rev. W. Bedford Jones, S. B. Winholtz and Mr. Parker will represent All Angels' Episcopal church. The session will open on Tuesday morning and will not close until Wednesday night. There will be many men present who are prominent in the Episcopal church.

Will Give a Lecture.

Dr. W. M. Cato will give a lecture next Thursday evening before a meeting of the men's club of All Angels' church. The lecture will take place in the guild hall of the church and will be free to all young men living in the east part of the city.

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Nobody is claiming that a two-dollar
dollar is buying too much these days.

The mortgage on Mrs. Lasso's home, it
is said, is about to be foreclosed. It is
not stated whether Mr. Lasso's home is
unincumbered or not.

The free silverites are organizing what
they call bimetallic leagues. They should
be called irredeemable paper currency
leagues. That is all they are.

Palmer and Backner carried one pro-
prietor in this great country at the recent
election and strangely enough that pro-
prietor was in Kansas.

Henry George does not seem to like this
republic. That is the attitude finally
assumed by all men who discover that no
little combine of men can dictate the pol-
icy of the government by fooling the
people.

Bourke Cockran thinks that the gold
Democrats, having helped the Republican
candidates should now support the Repub-
lican policy. "I am tired of masquerading
as a tariff reformer," he said, as is re-
ported. "I will never again be found bu-
ring the public as a tariff reformer."

J. H. Krebbel, who has been elected
president of the bimetallic club, was for-
merly president of the bicycle club. That
gentleman will note, however, in perform-
ing his duties that the bicycle won't run
without compressed wind and the bi-
metallic club won't run with compressed
wind. If he has not discovered this dis-
tinction he is not on his job.

It is said that William Jennings Bryan
has fixed the price of his lecture at \$2000
a place. There are two reasons why this
is all wrong. In the first place he fixes
the price on a two-dollar dollar basis and
in the second place if the silver park ora-
tor can be found the services of one of
them, who makes the same speech, could
be secured for less money.

Senator Puffer is actually, and in earn-
est, trying to prove that he was a good
senator and is assigning reasons why he
should be re-elected; but he fails to men-
tion the only claim he has on the office,
as of Kansas, namely, that he is a Popu-
list and while in the United States sen-
ate introduced wild money schemes
enough, which, if enacted into law,
would involve this government in debt
greater than the sum of all the money in
the world.

Nature produces wheat by means while
it deposited silver in the rocks millions
of years ago. Seasons make great and
small wheat crops, but storm and
drought and rain and insects have
no power to increase or decrease
by a single grain the silver deposits
of the globe and yet there are people who
would have us believe that the price of
wheat is governed by the price of silver
and therefore some who actually believe it
but a belief never changed a fact.

The hat pin has long been known as a
weapon of deadly possibility, but within
a week its capacity has been proved
beyond a doubt. A girl in Maryland was
attacked by an angle and killed it by run-
ning a hat pin through its eye. Another
girl kept a man at bay with this peculiar
feminine contrivance until help came to
her. And it may be remarked that the
cheapest article of the kind, that sells for
penny a piece, is more likely to be effective
than the gold and silver ones.

Among the important messages to be
considered by the coming session of con-
gress is the Pacific railroad funding bill.
The bonds guaranteed by the government
are payable early the coming year and
either an extension or a foreclosure is con-
sidered inevitable. Funding bills in
connection with the road have occupied a
good share of the attention of congress for
eight or ten years past and it is expected
that something definite will be done at
this session. Another matter that will
come up is the Nicaraguan canal scheme,
the proposition being for the United
States to guarantee \$100,000,000 of bonds
for the construction of the canal. In view
of the experience of the government in
guaranteeing bonds and the present
financial conditions, it is hardly to be ex-
pected that the Nicaraguan scheme will
go through. A bill to correct the abuses
that have grown up and the law with re-
ference to second class mail matter, which
have been criticized by the postoffice de-
partment, will also receive attention.
The complaint is that the law is taken
advantage of in the transmission of books
and pamphlets. A bill for the creation
of a bureau of animal industry for the in-
spection of meat and the regulation of the
transportation of live stock, and the im-
migration bill, will have to be passed on.
The session promises to be a lively one
aside from any consideration of the Ding-
ley revenue measure, which is a matter of
engaging interest.

Elect a Senator.

The Republicans of the state of Illinois
are in the majority in the legislature and
of the first duties that body has to
perform, and for which the Republicans
will be responsible, is the election of a
United States senator. The rank and
file of the party should make it a point to
see their representatives and senators be-
fore they go to Springfield and show
them that they are interested in the good
name of the state of Illinois, because it is
a great state, in fact a great empire, and
that they do not want its fair name in-
jured by sending any man to the United
States senate who is not big enough to
honor the state. Tell them you want a
senator elected, and that when you say
that, you mean a man of whom the people
may be proud; one who knows enough to
go to Washington and do business for the
nation; one who the people of the nation
will recognize when he gets there and goes
down to business. Tell them you want a
senator and not a manikin; a man with
real flesh and blood and bones; one who
can move without being carried by an ex-
hibitor; one whose heart beats for honest
government so sturdily that its intona-
tion can be heard above the tumult of
factions; one who can entertain a convic-
tion of right and who is honest enough to
be proud of a conviction that he is that
he is never troubled with honest motives;
one who would rather listen to the de-
mands of the people than to conspire to
defeat the wishes of the people; one who
has so much enough and thinks enough of
the party to realize that it takes votes to
elect a ticket and that therefore the voters
must be consulted instead of insulted.
Illinois has plenty of men from whom
such a selection can be made and from
whom such a selection will be made if
the interests of the state and the party
are consulted. A senator can be chosen,
who, the moment he is named will be
recognized by the people of this nation as
a man worthy to represent the state and
who will be an honor to the nation. If
the legislature of the state of Illinois fails
to do this then it will fail to do its duty
and will do injury to the state and the
nation and the Republican party.

Future of the Palmerites.

Peoria Transcript: The future of the
gold Democratic party will be decided at
a meeting of the executive committee to
be held at Indianapolis next Thursday.
It is almost inevitable that the present
organization will be continued and an ac-
tive effort made to rally the forces of the
Democracy around its banner. The atti-
tude of the free silver Democrats, who
now control the organization of the Demo-
cratic party, is such as to preclude and
hope of compromise and amalgamation,
since they will listen to nothing but a
continuance of the free silver agitation.
This, of course, the sound money Demo-
crats could not agree to, and no other
course will be open to them than to con-
tinue their separate organization and win
over as many as possible of the Demo-
crats who voted for Bryan under protest,
and who are bitterly opposed to contin-
uing the suicidal free silver agitation.
Speaking for this wing of the Demo-
cracy, Henry Watterson, of the Louisville
Courier-Journal, says:
"Let it be understood in the first place,
that the national Democrats are always
willing to unite with anybody believing
in and desirous of advancing the prin-
ciples of Democracy as defined in the Lu-
dianopolis platform.
"Let it be further understood that they
never will unite with anybody for the
free, unlimited and independent coinage
of silver by this country at the ratio of 16
to 1.
"As long as the silver Democrats insist
on this there can be no union between
them and the national Democrats.
"It remains, therefore, for the Chicago
Democrats to determine in the future
whether they will continue to make this

Motherhood is
the acme of wom-
anhood. It
rounds out a wo-
man's life and
completes her
most important
mission in the
world. It is the
bearing and rear-
ing of healthy,
happy children
is the chief
achievement of
any woman's life.

Health is an inheritance due to every
child and within the reach of every
parent to bestow. It is something that
costs no money and is more precious
than a mountain of diamonds.
The child's health depends almost
wholly on the mother's, not only before
its birth but afterwards. A sick mother
can't properly care for her child's health.
A sick mother sometimes bears a healthy
child, but it isn't to be expected. Maybe
the baby will possess the appearance of
health, but will lack stamina. Maybe
innate weakness will develop in after
years.
Every woman should be particularly
careful of her health during the period
of gestation—when the child is really a
part of herself.
During all this time, she should keep
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Demand for free silver the measure of

Democracy.
In brief, the Bryan Democrats must
give up Bryanism. At present few of
them show any disposition to do so. As
they constitute the large majority of the
party they naturally insist upon the mi-
nority wing making the concessions—but
the Courier Journal says they will never
do it, and there you are.

Cycle Gossip.

Only one bicycle show will be held in
New York this winter, the Madison
Square Garden company having aban-
doned their proposed exhibition in favor
of a military bicycle tournament. This
decision will leave the field clear for the
show of the national cycle board of trade,
which will be held in Grand Central Pal-
ace, New York, Feb. 6 to 13. This will
 unquestionably be the biggest and most
important show in the history of the trade
in this country or in Europe. One thing
warranting this statement is the fact that
over 500 spaces will be occupied by exhibi-
tors.

The foreign racing men who arrived in
this country last week to take part in the
six day tournament in Madison Square
Garden, New York, beginning Dec. 6,
may be due performers on the track but
in appearance they do not compare favor-
ably to the cracks of this country.
"Tom" Linton, the wonderful hour rider,
looks like "Chuck" Connors of China
town, whom certain novelists of the me-
tropolis have put in recent books. "Just
let 'Eddie' Bald get among those fellows
and finish his big diamonds and they will
imagine Barney Barnato, the Kaffir king,
is in their midst," said a cycling sharp
who saw the visitors at their training
quarters in New Jersey.

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The readers of this paper will be
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the system, thereby destroying the
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mission is after hunters along the Illinois
river who slaughter wild geese and ducks
with swivel guns and small cannon.

For Housewives.

Benj. Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says
he had not spoken above a whisper for
months, and one bottle of Foley's
Honey and Tar restored his voice. It is
used very largely by speakers and
singers. Neisler Drug and Supply Co.
and N. L. Krohn.

John DeBolt and family will move from
Kappa to El Paso on January 1. John
B. Drake will thereafter carry on the
elevator at Kappa.

For Pneumonia.
Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich.,
says: "I have used Foley's Honey and
Tar in three very severe cases of pneu-
monia the past month, with good re-
sults." Neisler Drug and Supply Co.
and N. L. Krohn.

Miss Anna Simpson has arrived at Mo-
lyb from Los Angeles, Cal., where she
will visit her mother, Thomas Simpson,
for the coming winter.

The person who disturbed the con-
gregation last Sunday by coughing is
requested to call on the Neisler Drug
and Supply Co. or N. L. Krohn and get
a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar
which always gives relief.

The board of directors of the Atlanta
fair have appointed W. B. Stroud sec-
retary and J. P. Hierony treasurer for the
coming year.

The length of life may be increased
by lessening its dangers. The majority
of people die from lung troubles. These
may be averted by promptly using One
Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner &
Son and Armstrong Bros.

Patton Bros. are now building 100 wal-
nut bays to Kappa which will be shipped
to Germany to be used in the manufac-
ture of furniture.

For Kidney Troubles
there is nothing better than Foley's
Kidney Cure. Everyone who tries it
will agree to this. Neisler Drug and
Supply Co. and N. L. Krohn.

Electric lights have been placed in the
Baptist parsonage at Atlanta. Mr. and
Mrs. Carter the donors.

For the second time the public library
at Rantoul has become defunct.

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10 dozen Ear Muffs, 3c pair.

See our Record Breaker in Boys' Bicycle Hose, size 6 to
8 1/2, 2 pair for 25c.

Children's Heavy Seamless Wool Hose, size 6 1/2 to 9, goods
that sell everywhere but here at 25c; our price 15c a
pair at-a-ight.

See our 4-thread Silk Fleece Ladies' Underwear, 75c
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Homemade Mince Meat, 3 lbs..... 25c
2 gal. buckets Syrup..... 50c
Silver Drips Syrup, per gal..... 30c
4 packages American Rolled Oats..... 25c
Bulk Oat Meal, 3c per lb.; 10 lbs. for 25c
Cranberries, 2 quarts 15c; 4 quarts, 25c
Oyster Crackers, per lb..... 5c
Calumet Family Soap, 9 bars..... 25c
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LOCAL NEWS.

Change of county officials next Monday.
Go skating on Whittier lake and on the sloughs.

More snow fell last night. Temperature up to 76 today.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. Moh 55-dif

What's the matter with you? Constipated? Cascarets will cure. Eat them like candy.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50. L. Chodas' News House.—14-dif

Just before going to bed eat a Cascaret candy cathartic. Makes you feel fine in the morning.

Irwin's Rock Balsam is a sure cure for coughs and colds.

The old lady was right when she said, the child might die if they waited for the doctor. She saved the little one's life with a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. She had used it for croup before. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

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To cure all old sores, to heal an indolent ulcer, or to speedily cure piles, use simply apply De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve according to directions. Its magic-like actions will surprise you. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

The ladies of Saint John's church will serve an excellent dinner for 35c and supper for 25c at the Linn & Scruggs building, corner North Franklin and East William street on Thursday, the 10th.

Joseph Hyland, the postoffice money forger, was convicted at Columbus, Ohio. He got a sentence of six years. Miss Badenhausen, of the Decatur office, was one of the witnesses against Hyland.

Yesterday Mrs. E. A. Davis fell and broke her right wrist. The accident occurred near her home south of the city. Dr. Harvey reduced the fracture.

E. S. Edmunds, of Pana, chief deputy sheriff of Christian county, who bought the Kleinger stock of drugs from Asignee Jack, has not yet determined what he will do with the goods. He will continue to perform his duties as deputy sheriff.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. William Eisman wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to their neighbors and friends for the kindness shown them at the death of their son.

Learn to Sing by Note.

On Friday evening, Dec. 4, at Columbia hall on North Main street I will organize an elementary class in vocal music. Persons who wish to learn to read music will find this a good opportunity with small expense. S. M. Lutz.—1-tf

Interchangeable Mileage.

Western roads are much alarmed over the action of the central passenger committee in authorizing the issue by the lines in its territory of an interchangeable 5000 mile ticket at a flat rate of 2c a mile. The opinion is that the action of the eastern lines will either compel the western roads to issue similar tickets or make the open rate for all tickets 2c a mile. A number of the roads are in favor of pursuing the latter course. As far as action on the interchangeable mileage ticket question by the western roads is concerned, much depends upon the action of the Wabash. This road is a member of the eastern as well as of the western association. The management is reported to favor the issue of 5000-mile tickets over the entire system in case it should be forced to adopt such a ticket over their eastern lines.

A Booming Town.

In the title of a new musical farce comedy this season. A land agent in order to boom the town has engaged Buffalo Bill and Dr. Carver to give an exhibition, but for some reason they disappoint him. In order to make good his promise he engages two tramps to impersonate Buffalo Bill and Dr. Carver, who are known as Weary Walker and Willie Everwork, but at last they are discovered. In the second act they impersonate two doctors in order to open up the first drug store, and in the third act manage to get mixed up so that they elope with Vera and Ada who do not know that they are making a mistake. The fun all through the play is based on the two tramps disguising themselves and impersonating these different characters. Prominent among the company are Phil and Nettie Peters, Putnam sisters, Billy Link, Ren Shields, James Carroll, A. C. Lawrence and Ruth Richards. This company will be at the Grand opera house next Wednesday evening, December 9.

The Fortnightly Club.
It is probable that the Fortnightly club will inaugurate a series of dancing parties in a short time. The decisive meeting will be held at the law office of I. R. Mills next Tuesday evening. Many of the members of the club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mills in Riverside Place last night and had a very pleasant time. Delicious refreshments were served, and a special electric car brought the guests to the city after 11 o'clock.

The Latham Murder.

Latham Tribune, Dec. 4: As was thought by many Chas Hubbard knows more of the murder which occurred here last week than he told at the inquest. Tuesday he was taken to Lincoln and placed under a bond of \$300 to appear in court and to testify as to what he saw. What he knows if known by any is kept close and not a word for publication can be secured, but the public is led to believe that for some unknown fear he has kept the truth in the dark. The Lincoln News is authority for the statement in which Hubston claims he had been in the saloon and as he stepped out the back door he pulled his revolver and fired the shot which accidentally found its way into Kitten's brain. Blinn & Harris, Beach & Hedgcock have been secured for the defense, while the state has employed E. O. King to assist State's Attorney Anderson. The case will be watched closely by all here and deep interest is manifested as to the outcome.

Frederick Ward.

The engagement of Frederick Ward to the Powers opera house next Monday night promises to be one of the most brilliant successes of the theatrical year, and it is a matter of congratulation for this city that it should be so for there are few entertainments upon any stage that give the complete satisfaction and are so wholesome for the mind as this excellent actor's performances. The supporting company this season is exceptionally good and includes such favorites as Charles Sutton, Beverly Turner, Ernest C. Wade, Harry C. Burton and Charles Clarke. Among the new members are Darrell Vinton, Lionel Clarke, Thomas Adson Smith, Millego Sherwood, Morston Bakers, the Misses Florence Willbourn, Rita Villiers, Marcella Trendwell, Helen Baker and Phyllis Ashborn. Mr. Ward carries all the scenery for his production of King Lear and it has made a big hit all over the country.

As to Mr. Miller's Brother.

A. H. Garver, a resident of Westfield, Ill., writes in reference to the brother of the late Rev. James Miller as follows:

An article published in some of the Chicago papers and also in one of the Decatur papers concerning Rev. James Miller and his brother, George, while they resided here, was brought to my notice, and I deem it merely justice to Rev. James Miller's family and friends to state that Rev. James Miller and his brother George lived here in 1869 and 1870. Rev. George Miller was then in charge of this circuit preaching for the M. E. people and did not commit suicide here in a mill as reported by some one at Decatur. The report of the suicide of George Miller here in a mill is without any foundation whatever. It is the product of the doctor's imaginative brain.

Rev. James Miller was then in the employ of J. L. Pratt, who managed a saw mill here. The mill is still standing. The artisan well by it has become quite a resort on account of its mineral properties. J. L. Pratt is a citizen of Westfield and speaks very highly of the Rev. James Miller as an employe. The manner of the Rev. George Miller's death is not definitely known by any of the Westfield people but it is known that after completing his work here he went to some western state, probably to Missouri or Kansas.

High School News.

At the meeting of the Sapphonians Friday afternoon the following program was given:

Piano Duet—Irene and Margaret Wiefel.
Recitation—Patricia Hunt.
Piano Solo—Jessie Nichols.
Debate—Resolved, That country life is preferable to city life. Affirmative: Margaret Lundie, Wyn Jeffers; negative: Lela Ayres, Edith Starr. The judges, Misses Towl, Grace and Cordelia Williams, decided in favor of the negative.

Piano Solo—Lucile Bonbrake.
Query Box—Jessie Humphrey.
The regular meeting of the Alpha Beta society was called at 7:30 last night. Some business was transacted, including the adoption of resolutions of condolence for the recently bereaved parents of Clarence Eberly. The debate for the open meeting was limited to thirty minutes.

The following program was given:

Recitation—Rolfin Pence.
Debate—Resolved, That Spain contributed more to the opening of America before 1800 than did England. Affirmative: Buck Weems and W. Williams; negative: W. Conway and F. Bonfield.

Theresolutions adopted were as follows: Whereas, It has pleased God to take from our midst Clarence Eberly, our beloved friend and fellow member, and, Whereas, We deeply regret his passing away, since he was greatly esteemed by us for his many character and remarkable literary abilities; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Alpha Beta, extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy; a d further be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the grief stricken parents, to the High School Observer and to the public press.

The committee was A. Myers, J. Montgomery and M. Lutz.

Grand Popular Concert.

By the Popular Goodman Band at the Tabernacle on Thursday night, Dec 10. Admission 10 cents. 3-d3

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EDMISTON McCLELLAN RETIRES DEC. 7

Was First Elected in 1868—One of the Best Clerks in the West—Retires with a Clean Record, All Work Well Done.

Next Monday, Dec. 7, will witness the inauguration of the newly elected Macon county officials to serve for a period of four years. The officials will be David L. Foster, circuit clerk; Isaac R. Mills, state's attorney; Jesse E. Bendure, coroner, and George V. Loring, county surveyor.

All are their own successors except Mr. Foster, who has been a deputy in the circuit clerk's office, and succeeds the veteran clerk, Edmiston McClellan, who was not a candidate for re-nomination, having decided, after nearly thirty years of continuous service as circuit clerk to retire. Mr. McClellan goes out of office, taking with him the good will of all members of the bar and that of everybody who has had business with the office. He has held the office of circuit clerk continuously since 1868, a period of twenty-eight years, having been elected seven times to have charge of one of the most important books in the county. Everywhere Mr. McClellan is known as one of the best clerks in the country. He has a personal knowledge of all the laws pertaining to the office, and none can excel him in grasping and elucidating any vital ruling covered by the statutes affecting the office of circuit clerk. He has been a faithful and efficient clerk at all times. He has been kept in the position through all those years because he has been a good officer and because the Republican majority in the county has always been sufficient to keep him in the place. No other county official in the state has a better record for long, faithful and efficient service than Mr. McClellan.

Came to Decatur in 1835.

Mr. McClellan will be 79 years of age on Dec. 15. He is one of the oldest settlers of Macon county. He came to Decatur in 1835. His parents were Andrew McClellan and Jane Thompson, both natives of Scotland, who having crossed the Atlantic were married in Franklin county, Pennsylvania. The father was a cooper by trade but followed farming through part of his life. His death occurred at the advanced age of 88 years. Edmiston McClellan was born in the Key stone state in October 15, 1818. He came with his parents in 1835 to locate in Decatur. Macon county at that time comprised portions of Platt, DeWitt and Macon counties. Mr. McClellan was then a young man of 22 years. He engaged in breaking prairie land and bore all the experiences of pioneer life. He especially enjoyed hunting and he had ample opportunity to indulge his taste for that sport. In 1839 Mr. McClellan bought town lots in Decatur and also purchased sixty-two acres in the outskirts of the city. A portion of this land was sold as Oakland addition to Decatur, but the rest is held as the family home.

Mr. McClellan was married in 1842 to Miss Judith Snyder, daughter of Henry Snyder of Livingston. His children are Miss Jane McClellan, Mrs. O. B. Gorin, Edmiston and Joseph W. McClellan, Mrs. Albert Meriwether of this city, Mrs. J. B. Ekin of Springfield, and William McClellan, of Kansas City.

Mr. McClellan lived in Macon county at a time when the population was so limited that he knew everyone within its borders. Decatur then contained seventy-five inhabitants. On reaching this city he had only 80 cents and that he paid for his lodging and breakfast, so empty handed he started out. His enterprise, however, has always provided him with the necessities and many of the luxuries of life and he is now well to do. In the early days he was an old line Whig but has been a Republican since the organization of that party, believing in the protection of home industries.

The Seven Elections.

Running back over the files of the Republican the official figures at the seven general elections at which Mr. McClellan was a candidate are found. Here are the figures, first to last:

1838—For clerk, McClellan, R., 2809; Edmondson, D., 2289; majority, 510.
1873—For clerk, McClellan, R., 2949; B. K. Durfee, D., 2380; majority, 719.
1876—For clerk, McClellan, R., 3335; Wallace, D., 2762; majority, 603.
1880—For clerk, McClellan, R., 3583; Nicky, D., 2923; Heikel, Greenback, 159; plurality, 600.
1884—For clerk, McClellan, R., 3949; Friedman, D., 3468; Boughn, Pro., 868 plurality, 481.
1888—For clerk, McClellan, R., 4239; Williams, D., 3538; Montgomery, Pro., 589; plurality, 706.
1892—McClellan, R., 4597; S. A. Jack, D., 4208; G. E. Connard, Pro., 555; plurality, 389.

Rela Other Offices.

Besides circuit clerk Mr. McClellan held other offices. He has served as constable and county surveyor and was for

two years sheriff, and served as deputy United States marshal during the war, holding the position until he was elected circuit clerk. He was also city marshal during the war. He has been an official in the city and county ever since before the war closed and because of his uniform efficiency he has been retained to serve the people.

Mr. McClellan in the past ten to fifteen years has been ably assisted in the conduct of the circuit clerk's office, by his two sons, the late Henry McClellan and J. W. McClellan, also by D. L. Foster, the circuit clerk elect, whose majority over Frey, D., was 1402.

Mr. McClellan is now in poor health. The weight of nearly 80 years rests upon him. He has been in poor health for a number of years.

Mr. McClellan has a wide personal acquaintance in Macon county. He has welcomed newcomers to the county, and he has lived to be introduced to their great grand children. He is familiar with the history of Decatur from its earliest days and he has helped to make local history. In his prime he was of the most formidable officers physically the city has ever known. It was well with him and for the peace of the community during the war that "Mac" was courageous and strong, for that was a time when little but force was recognized as controlling power.

TANNER'S INAUGURATION.

Will Probably be Held on Thursday, Jan. 7, or on the Following Tuesday.

The indications are that Governor-elect Tanner will be inaugurated either on Thursday, Jan. 7, or on the Tuesday of the following week. He will go to his home in Clay county in the course of a couple of weeks and prepare an inaugural address.

According to law both branches of the general assembly must organize permanently and convene in joint session the vote cast at the last general election. The result is formerly declared and the inauguration follows. The Republicans want to perfect their organization on Wednesday, January 8, the day the legislature meets, according to the constitution. Then, if the vote can be canvassed that afternoon the inauguration can take place on the next day. If this isn't done, the new state administration will be inaugurated on the following Tuesday.

The disposition of all Republicans is to make the event a notable one. Great numbers of excursion trains will be run into Springfield on that day from all over the state. The citizen soldiery, or at least a good portion of it, will participate in the ceremonies. There will probably be a public reception in the executive mansion on the night of inauguration day.

JUST WANTS TO KNOW.

A Doubting Thomas on the Horn Business in Indiana.

Below is a copy of a letter received from Nobleville, Ind., under date of Dec. 3, by Dr. J. M. Blythe, from an old army comrade. It is pretty rich reading everything considered. Here is the letter

Dear Old Friend Blythe: Well, Cap. day before yesterday five nice looking young men, claiming to be from Decatur, Ill., arrived in our city with a horn, thirty feet long, claiming to be on their way to Canton, Ohio. They claim they carried the horn from Decatur here and on to Canton for \$1000. If they are successful in collecting that amount on the route. They arrived here on Dec. 1, at 5 p. m., and started from here for Indianapolis this morning at 8 o'clock, Dec. 3, (20 miles south). I talked with all of them and inquired if they were acquainted with you. All but one said they were. I did not get the names of the men. Yesterday's daily gave some account of their trip. They had some photographs taken here. Now, Blythe, I wish you would write to me all about this for there are so many opinions with the people in regard to how this is. Some think their politics one way, some the other. They said quite a number of pictures in our place. They gave me separately your politics but did not agree. This horn was manufactured by the Globe Corbin Works, Decatur, Ill. Hoping to hear from you soon I close as ever a true friend, C. N. Scott.

Good Opportunity for Business.

We will sell the grocery stock and books and shoe stock belonging to the general stock at Cicco, Ill. In case of sale we will move out the dry goods and clothing stock and will give possession of the building and location, the best in the town. Our business has been done on a strictly cash basis. Cicco Cash Store, 3-d6*

Some time ago the Vandalia killed a number of horses belonging to John Atterbury. Suit which was brought has now been compromised by the payment of \$230.

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It's screw and plunge lift for regulating the wick, together with its lift attachment for lighting without removing the chimney, will win it immortality. It has no dirt pocket, therefore no bad smell. SEE CUT.

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We do all kinds of Fur Work, such as making Fur Capes of any kind over into Ripple Capes and Collars; relining Fur Capes and Jackets and repairing same; repairing Muffs and lining them; repairing and relining Seal Garments of any style. We also make up Muffs and Animal Scarfs out of any old fur that you may have, such as capes, jackets or collars.

Cloak Work.

We repair Cloth Jackets and recut them to proper length, and put fullness in backs of same; we make plush or other long cloaks over into capes.

If you need a Jacket or Cape of any kind we can save you money on them. REMEMBER OUR STORE.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.
You pay a little more for Sloeth's portraits but—

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Quinine regular price, 45 cents an ounce, at Irwin's.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 23-dtf

Dr. H. P. Bachman, dentist rooms 7, 8 and 9, in Temple block. 5 ddt

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent, made by John Weigand. Moh 25 tf

Six additional electric lights have been put up in the streets of Tremont.

Dr. L. E. Coonradt, Dentist rooms 48 and 49 Fenton block. aug24-dtf

Hot soup served at noon every day at Singleton's Restaurant.—Oct21dtf

Sloeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

The old reliable K & W cigars are made by John Weigand. Moh 25-dtf

Trifle extract perfume, 20 cents an ounce, at Irwin's drug store.

The Beckwith grocery house in Powers' new block will be open about January 1st.

The farewell performance of the Gordon company will be given at the Grand tonight.

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant.—Oct21dtf

The conference of Sabbath school workers of Macon county is in progress this afternoon at the city council rooms.

J. S. Gulvin has returned from East St. Louis where he did considerable business this week for the Hancock Life Insurance company.

Goodman Brase and Reed Band of 40 members in grand popular concert at the Tabernacle Thursday night, Dec. 10. Admission 10 cents. 3-d3

Be wise and order a nice turkey now for the holidays of Pearl Oyster and Fish company, 248 North Main street. Telephone 344.—2-46

The "Wheelmen's March" is the title of a very sprightly piece of music by a Macon county boy. For sale at the music stores.

In Bloomington on Sunday Dr. Wolfe and Dr. Wilder will occupy the pulpit of Grace Methodist church, made vacant by the death of Rev. James Miller.

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A BIG COMBINATION.

Long Distance Telephone Company is to Have Active Opposition.

Now that Decatur is connected with the outside world by long distance telephone new developments in that field are of local interest. A new syndicate, with practically unlimited capital, has been formed within the last few weeks to enter the telephone and long distance telephone business. This syndicate is composed of New York, Philadelphia and Chicago capitalists, and \$2,000,000 of the capital has already been underwritten for immediate outlay. The plans of the new corporation are, in a measure, dependent on the action or non-action by the Western Union Telephone company in regard to a renewal of the latter's contract with the national Bell telephone company.

Enough has been learned of the new deal to give a general outline of the gigantic operations intended when the enterprise is fairly under way. To begin with, there are already nearly 1000 independent telephone exchanges in the smaller cities and towns of America. These exchanges have all been put in since the expiration of the Martin-Bell patent in 1894, and are now being operated in opposition to the old Bell monopoly. The plan of the new syndicate is to connect all the exchanges by long-distance wires, to penetrate other territory rapidly, and to keep on building until all the states and territories are wired with as many ramifications as the older companies now have in the aggregate.

It is the purpose of the new syndicate to start out with connections between Boston and New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, St. Paul and intermediate cities. The territory of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, or Long Distance Bell company, will be invaded at every point, including this city. Connected with the plans of the new telephone and telegraph syndicate are some of the principal railroad officials in America. Several prominent directors of eastern and western trunk lines are said to have practically pledged the co-operation of their companies. The only possible change or modification in the new syndicate plans will be in the event of the Western Union Telephone company deciding to enter the telephone field as a result of the expiration of its 17-year contract with the National Bell Telephone company.

If the Western Union company enters the telephone field the result may be that the Postal Telegraph company will do likewise.

Lodge Officers Elected.

Macon Lodge, No. 8, A. F. & A. M., held its annual election last night as follows:

W. M.—W. C. Herman.

S. W.—J. W. Carter.

J. W.—J. W. Graves.

Secretary—G. W. Lewis.

Treasurer—George W. Bright.

E. C.—Richard Hixon.

Easterly camp, 1826, M. W. A., elected officers as follows at their meeting last night:

V. C.—Harry Ruttruff.

W. A.—Alox McQuirter.

B.—T. J. Osborn.

C.—O. W. Smith.

E.—Sam Mounts.

Asst. C.—David Hostetler.

W.—W. H. Dodd.

D.—E. Mattox.

Delegates to Grand Lodge—Frank Sanford.

Alternate—J. H. Kingsley.

Manager—Frank Sanford.

Physicians—Dr. James L. Bevens, Dr. N. D. Myers and Dr. Laurens Enos.

Court at Sullivan.

Judge Vail arrived home this morning from Sullivan where on Friday he adjourned the November term of the Moultie county circuit court. All of the business was disposed of except cases that want over until the next term. Judge Vail will re-open court in Decatur on Monday.

Monument Works.

The following are the newly elected officers of the Decatur Monument company:

President—Nelson Brown.

Vice President and Secretary—Travis Brown.

Treasurer—John A. Brown.

The business will be enlarged and the management will remain the same as before.

New Music at the St. Nick.

There is a new nickel-in-the-slot music cabinet in the office at the St. Nick, and the penny machine which cost \$65 has been removed. It is to be disposed of to the holder of the lucky number from 1 up to 100. A Mr. Penny got a number for a penny, and he thinks he will win the penny machine.

Funeral of Willie Tohill.

The funeral of Willie, the 7-year-old son of N. W. Tohill, who fell and broke his neck yesterday, will be held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock from the U. B. church at Long Creek. Rev. Z. T. Hatfield will officiate and the burial will be at the Long Creek cemetery.

Corn Shucking Record.

Horace Pfaffenberger on the Cyrus Major farm, near Beardsdale, recently shucked 3775 bushels of corn in thirty-two days, being an average of a fraction over 102 bushels a day. This is a splendid record for the young man. Who can beat it?

A surprise party.

Last evening a surprise party was given to James Bain at his home on East Condit street. There were about thirty guests present who passed the evening dancing.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. W. T. Patterson, of Casper, visited the city today.

Miss Donna Buckingham is home from a visit to Chicago.

William Halpin, of St. Louis, is in the city visiting friends.

C. A. Pollock went to Peru, Ind., this morning to visit friends.

G. W. Jenkins, who has been ill for some time, is able to be out.

Will Hawkins has taken a position in the Ottumwa clothing store.

Miss Besse Lutz entertained a number of friends at her home last night.

Attorney J. M. Gray will go to Blue Mound next Monday to try a law suit.

Superintendent E. A. Gastman went to Bismarck this morning on business.

C. G. Ogle arrived home last night from Chicago where he went on a business trip.

B. Z. Taylor, who has been in Chicago on a business trip, has returned home.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. George W. Elliott, on Hawthorn avenue, Dec. 4, a son.

Mrs. E. P. Montague, of Lincoln, is in the city visiting her son, Robert Montague.

Mrs. S. E. Perkins, of Indianapolis, is in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Hatch.

Mrs. Barlow, who has been visiting friends in Litchfield, has returned to the city.

James L. Golden is home from Westfield, Ill., where he has been studying for the ministry.

Major G. R. Steele, who has been confined to his home by illness, is able to be out again.

D. W. Brennan, who has been in the city on a visit, has returned to his home in Chicago.

Mrs. Cora Selford, of Georgetown, Col., is in the city visiting the family of I. A. Buckingham.

Mrs. E. R. Morrison, who has been visiting in the city, returned this morning to her home in Chicago.

Howard Hanthorn, arrived in the city from Chicago yesterday. He will be in the city for a short time.

Mrs. Hannah Brockley, of Mahomet, Ill., who has been in the city visiting the family of William Erisman, has returned home.

Mrs. Ansdon, who has been in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. J. D. Moore, returned this morning to her home in Clinton.

Mrs. Dr. Mills, of Cerro Gordo, was in the city yesterday on a shopping visit, and attending the Linn & Scruggs opening.

Mrs. John C. Herman, of Harrisburg, Pa., and Mrs. Elizabeth McGraw, of Columbus, Ohio, are visiting Mrs. Anna E. Bobb. Mrs. Herman will remain about a month and Mrs. McGraw will make her home here in the future.

The Fifth Ward Club.

The Fifth ward Political-Social club is the name of a new organization in the Fifth ward lately formed. The club will meet in the basement of the Wabash hotel.

They have a large assembly room, two bath rooms, closets, etc., and in a few days will have everything fitted up in first class style. The club rooms will be open to members every day and every night, but the regular meeting night will be Sunday of each week. The officers of the club are as follows:

President—F. P. Gogarty.

Treasurer—James Townsend.

Financial and Recording Secretary—Weldon Dorell.

Guard—Edward Sullivan.

The charter members are M. Cattle, R. Krosen, A. Deal, C. Kramer, H. Hackett, E. Dowling, J. Dougherty, Jr., William Garver, George Holland, George Lubush, Charles Shultz, Otto Kramer, A. M. Hilbrandt, Del Quick, F. P. Gogarty, E. J. Gogarty, Charles Hardy, David Bowers, Claude Allen.

The rooms will be nicely furnished, there will be lots of good reading matter, writing material and games, and the long winter evenings will pass very pleasantly for the members.

The Woman's Club.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's club was held this afternoon at the club house. There was a business session when different matters of business were brought up for discussion.

Arrangements for the Watson lecture which will take place on January 7, were perfected and the ladies talked of the organization of the delectable club. The idea of extending the club to the smaller towns in the county is under discussion and it is probable that some such arrangement will be carried out. This evening there will be a lecture by Laura Hahn of Chicago. Her subject will be "An Evening With Eugene Field." The regular meeting of the different divisions will be held as usual next week.

The Maroon Salute.

Commenting on the suicide of George H. Wilson, the Maroon News says: "It is perfectly safe to say that Wilson's death, coming without harm or death to any but himself, brings a sense of relief to those whom he openly threatened. As above suggested, it might have ended more terribly. As one gentleman expressed it, the man had not been an active member, but he had been a general commender as this final one. Deceased leaves a widow and one child, and brother in Nebraska and three brothers in Kentucky."

Marriage License.

Charles P. Maxwell, Decatur 19.

Lucille Hart, Decatur 19.

Joseph W. Crenshaw, Mt Vernon 22.

Ada B. Carpenter, Macon 19.

August Stofgen, of Kappa, who has been ill so long with typhoid fever is still in a precarious condition.

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